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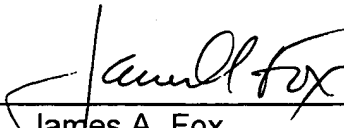
Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. With the amendments, the specification reflects the priority of the application and claims 1 and 49-67 are pending.

No new matter is added by way of the amendments or new claims, which find support throughout the specification and in the Figures as originally filed. In particular, support for the amended claim and for the new claims may be found, for example, in Figs. 13-15, and in the specification at, for example, page 15, lines 1-8, page 16, lines 24-27, and page 17, lines 1-14.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and request that they be considered by the Examiner. Each of the references cited on the attached was previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in prior application Serial No. 09/146,185, filed September 1, 1998, therefore no copies are enclosed.

Consideration and early notification of allowance of the pending claims is earnestly requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) A medical device for localization of target tissue comprising:

a [tube] shaft having a distal end, a proximal end defining a proximal direction, and a side, said distal end having a distal tip,[longitudinal axis, the device] said shaft being [adapted] configured for placement of said distal end into a patient's body at a desired location[.];

a distal cutting element disposed on said distal tip; and

[said medical device having] a fixation [agent] element disposed on said distal end, [the] said fixation [agent] element being [adapted] configured for [affixing] securing the distal end of said medical device adjacent target tissue at said desired location.

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